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SUBJ :RHODESIAN ELECTION RESULTS

1. ACCORDING TO SA NEWS MEDIA REPORTS,RHODESIAN FRONT (RF),
LED BY PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH, HAS WON ALL FIFTY WHITE
SEATS IN THE JULY 30 GENERAL ELECTION. THE RF RECEIVED
ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF VOTES CAST IN ITS FOURTH SUCCESSFUL
GENERAL ELECTION VICTORY.

2. MAIN ELECTORIAL OPPONENT,RHODESIA PARTY (RP). POLLED
ABOUT TWENTY PERCENT OF TOTAL VOTE. INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES
RECEIVED LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT OF VOTE.

3. PRE-ELECTION CANVASSING HAD INDICATED A LARGE,UNCOMMITTED
VOTE, AND THIS GROUP APPARENTLY HEADED SMITH'S PLEA FOR WHITE
UNITY. ELECTION WAS MARKED BY HIGH PERCENTAGE POLLS,WITH
SOME CONSTITUENCIES REPORTING TOTALS OF MORE THAN NINETY
PERCENT.

4. CLEAN SWEEP BY RULING PARTY CLEARLY REFLECTS WHITE
RHODESIAN ELECTORATES' REJECTION OF ANY DEVIATION FROM
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COURSE FOLLOWED BY RHODESIA FRONT DURING ITS THIRTEEN

YEARS OF GOVERNING. BP'S CAMPAIGN THEME OF 'ROT IN THE
RF' SUCCEEDED IN ATTRACTING NO MORE THAN TRADITIONAL
TWENTY PERCENT ANTI-RF VOTE.

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